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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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More of the Seven Saddest Sayings for Sinners

By Evangelist John R. Rice

In the last two weeks we have published parts of a sermon showing the woeful warnings, the moving truths about poor, unconverted sinners. I showed, first, that the man who has not personally trusted Jesus Christ as Saviour is already lost, already condemned.

Other sad truths are that men will not come to Christ and be saved: that this is because they love darkness and sin; and thus Christ's loving mercy is wickedly rejected.

Now here are three more sad warnings for sinners.

I. Religious, Cheerful, Confident, But Forever Lost! Matt. 7:22, 23

One of the saddest passages in the Bible for sinners is in Matthew 7:22, 23. There Jesus tells of many who have forms of religion, and go merrily on to Hell, thinking they are en route to Heaven. Jesus said:

"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

I think every sensible man should weep to see a sinner who knew all the facts, who knew he was lost and still chose to remain lost, going on to Hell. But to me that is not so tragic as the case of multiplied thousands who are confident they are going to Heaven, though they have never personally trusted Christ for salvation, have never been born again and go unwarned and unsuspecting to eternal torment. If a man went weeping and fearfully, yet determinedly, to Hell, that would be sad. How much sadder it is when one lies down in death, depending on baptism or depending on confirmation or depending on good deeds and in horror wakes up in Hell!

In the stockyards at Fort Worth, Texas, years ago a packing company had a goat named Judas. He deserved his name, for when he was turned in with each new flock of frightened sheep, he confidently led them through a passage into the slaughterhouse. The unsuspecting sheep followed the goat. Always the goat was spared and sent back to lead others to their doom. But those sheep, blindly following their new friend, Judas, hoping again to find the pasture or meadow, are not so pitiful as sinners who go on to Hell right merrily, feeling confident that with holy water put upon their head they cannot be lost, or with the catechism and confirmation over, they surely are saved, or with confession made to the priest and penance done, the church will surely see to their salvation! Sad, sad it is for religious people to wake up in Hell because they would not come to Christ and did not personally trust Him for salvation.

II. Men—Made in the Image of God—Cast Into Fire Prepared for Demons! Matt. 25:41

Another of the saddest sayings in the whole Word of God is that which fell from the mouth of the

Lord Jesus Himself, in Matthew 25:41. Jesus tells of His future return to the earth when He will set up His kingdom at Jerusalem and reign from David's throne. Then the people of the earth will be gathered before Him for judgment, Jesus said.

"Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."

There are many striking things about this tragic saying of Jesus. First, it is remarkable that it is Jesus Himself who will send sinners to Hell. We preachers sometimes say to a sinner, "It is your own fault. You send yourself to Hell. You cannot blame Christ for it." And that is essentially true. Yet we must remember that the tenderhearted Jesus Himself who died to save sinners will also be the judge who will personally condemn every Christ-rejecting sinner and send him away to the flames. This word is all the sadder because it must fall from the mouth of the dear Lord Jesus. If the Lord Jesus condemns a man to Hell, who is there who can intervene? Who is there to make atonement? Who is there to be an advocate, a mediator? Once Jesus was saying, "Come"; now to those who would not come, He says, "Depart!"

Another tragic thought in this (Continued on page 8)

Jesus Promises His Presence, His Protection, His Program, His Peace, His Power to Those Who Win Souls

What Is Closest to The Heart of Jesus?

By Dr. Tom Malone, Pastor
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"And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."—Luke 24:47.

If you and I could sit down and talk for ten minutes, when the ten minutes were over, what would be my opinion as to what was closest to your heart? When the

ten minutes were over and you went away, I wonder what you would say is closest to the heart of Brother Tom? Jesus left no doubt about what was closest to His heart.

I'm going to speak to you this morning from five different Scriptures. I'm reading one of them at this time, and we might call it our text.

"Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."

"And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it (Continued on page 5)



Dr. Tom Malone

"I Magnify Mine Office"

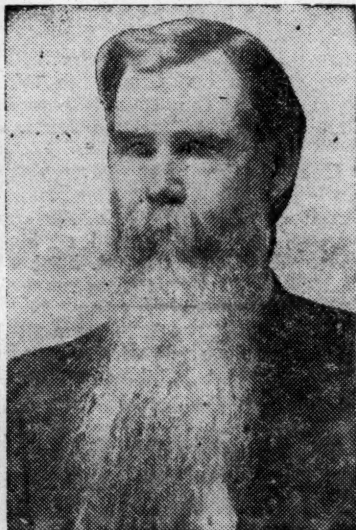
A SERMON TO PREACHERS

By B. H. Carroll
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TEXT: I magnify mine office.—Rom. 11:13.

However far and by whatever license a minister may depart from the primary meaning of a text in its immediate connection, it is always obligatory that he should first give me the primary and contextual import and then explain how the general principle contained in it may be safely applied to all his deductions from it. In the present case the con-



Dr. B. H. Carroll

nection is this: The apostle seems to anticipate an objection in the minds of the Gentiles whom he addresses, that he, their apostle, should manifest such concern for the salvation of the Jews.

He justifies his solicitude for the redemption of his Jewish brethren though he is an apostle to the Gentiles, and even magnifies his office as their apostle that by their glorious success in the gospel the Jews may be excited to emulation and thereby some of them be saved. He argues that, if the Gentiles derived benefit from the fall of the Jews, they would derive yet more by their recovery.

Nor does he content himself with the salvation of only "some of them." He looks to the salvation of the whole Jewish nation and to this end he speaks in the text and its connections: "But I speak to you that are Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle of the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry; if by any means I may provoke to emulation them that are my flesh."

But while this is the primary meaning of the text, in its connections it embodies a great principle of wider application. It is

this great principle which burns in my heart and which I feel impelled to discuss before this Convention. The fairness and safety of this wider application may be gathered from the first Scripture read — Ephesians 4:11-16 — in which it is alleged that God gave apostles, pastors, teachers and evangelists for the same glorious purpose. Therefore, if the office of one is to be magnified, so the office of the others to the same end. Hence the

THEME: The office of a minister must be magnified—glorified always, everywhere, and by all incumbents.

In discussing this theme, it is purposed to emphasize three thoughts: The office itself, why it should be magnified, how to magnify it.

I. The Office of the Ministry

First impress on your minds the fact that the work of the ministry is official. It is an office in the true and common acceptance of that term. Let us define: Webster's International Dictionary says: "Office—a special duty, trust, charge or position, conferred by authority for a public purpose; a position of trust or authority; as an executive or judicial office; a municipal office. A charge or trust of sacred nature, conferred by God Himself; as, the office of a priest under the old dispensation, and that of the apostles in the new," quoting our text as an example.

Mark the essential elements of an office. The duty, trust or charge is special. It is conferred by authority. It is for a public purpose. In the case of a religious office, the trust is sacred and God Himself confers it. While in civil affairs it is the duty of every citizen to do all in his power toward the enforcement of law and the preservation of order, certain functions devolve exclusively on officers appointed for the purpose. A private citizen cannot perform (Continued on page 9)

Christmas Only 20 Days Away

This morning came a letter like many thousands of others that come to us year after year. From Florence, South Carolina, Rev. Richard Woods wrote, "Three years ago I was helped more than words can express in making a decision for entering the Gospel ministry by reading your free gift, THE SWORD OF THE LORD. This may be a late time to express these thoughts, but I wanted you to know the blessings I found in the sermons."

Brother Woods adds, "When the first paper came through the mail I destroyed it instantly," thinking it might be literature of a false cult. But the paper did its blessed work. It led him to decide to enter the ministry, and now he says, "I want to thank you again for the free gift of THE SWORD and may God bless each one who reads these as much as He does my own life."

Thousands of people probably consider sending THE SWORD of the LORD to others as a Christmas present. Think of the blessing if you had paid for the subscription that led this young man into the Gospel ministry, and helped get him started preaching the wonderful Gospel of the grace of God!

Yesterday came a touching letter from a convict in the state penitentiary at Huntsville, Texas. He had wandered far away from God and was bowed down with such a sense of guilt for sins committed after he had been saved. He said, "I thought the Lord Jesus would never be a friend to me any more." And then a friend loaned him the editor's sermon on "Jesus and Peter." And he writes with great joy to tell that he has found that God still loves him, the fellowship is restored, and he starts out again to serve God! And he is copying by hand the sermons he borrowed, to have them permanently. Now wouldn't it have been blessed if you had been able to send THE SWORD OF THE LORD and some of these gospel sermons by the editor or by other men of God, sermons which transform the lives of thousands?

A Christmas gift subscription from you is more likely to do good than if it were received some other way. At Christmastime the heart is tender and people are grateful for loving kindness. Why not make a list now of ten of your relatives and friends and (Continued on page 4)

WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

EVANGELIST ERNIE TONETI, 2239 South 15th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has recently had good services for a week with the First Independent Bible Church of Petersburg, Virginia, one week in Bristol, Tennessee, and in District Heights, Maryland. He reports souls being saved and lives rededicated to Christ. We thank God for his ministry.

EVANGELIST J. OSCAR WELLS, Box 417, Bethany, Oklahoma, conducted a revival at the Olive Baptist Church, Drumright, Oklahoma, October 19-November 2. Pastor Buddy Reeves reports 8 were saved, with 3 joining the church by letter.

In a revival campaign at Tampa Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida, October 26 to November 2 with **EVANGELIST BILL COMPTON** (1801 College Street, Decatur, Alabama), there were 15 professions of faith, 19 rededications, and 9 who joined the church by letter. The pastor, Joe R. Olachea, is very happy over the revival, and recommends heartily the ministry of Brother Compton.

Rev. Orvie O. Best, pastor of First Conservative Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Missouri, reports that in a revival led by **REV. BILL HALL** of Bob Jones University, there were 10 souls saved, and many rededications. "Brother Hall is a powerful preacher of God's Word and has won hundreds of souls to Christ. His messages emphasize salvation, soul winning, youth, and the home," writes the pastor. To contact the evangelist, write: Rev. Bill Hall, 129-B White Oak Drive, Greenville, South Carolina.

The Fellowship Baptist Church of Greensburg, Indiana, was recently in a revival with **EVANGELIST B. M. PAGE**, P. O. Box 3, Indianapolis, Indiana. The church was blessed with his ministry and souls were saved. On the last day, November 9, there were 12 additions to the church and one came for salvation. Rev. Donald Huber is the pastor.

We have the following report on several revivals from **EVANGELIST PAUL CARLIN**, 3408 Fadal, Waco, Texas, and singer Dwain Marrow:

September 8-14:

Vidor, Memorial Baptist Church, Vidor, Texas; 29 additions; Pastor Rowatt H. Smith.

September 17-28:

Bethel Baptist Church, Quebec, Canada; 146 public professions of faith in a church that had never had a revival meeting in its history; 25 additions; Pastor E. A. Goldsmith.



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IT IS NOT THE VIOLIN, BUT THE MAN WHO PLAYS IT THAT MAKES THE MUSIC. GOD IS NOT LOOKING FOR BIG MEN; HE IS LOOKING FOR LITTLE MEN WHO WILL LET HIM HAVE HIS WAY. GOD CAN MAKE DIVINE MUSIC ON AN ORDINARY FIDDLE.—DR. BOB JONES, SR.

October 5-12:

Immanuel Baptist Church, Warren, Arkansas; 26 additions; Pastor Quincy D. Mathis.

October 19-26:

Greenwood Village Baptist Church, Houston, Texas; 44 additions, 1 surrendering for the ministry; Pastor Harold Clayton.

From September 21-October 1, **EVANGELIST DON L. WOMACK** of 1167 Marbro Drive, Memphis, Tennessee, was with the Victory Baptist Church, Monroe, Louisiana, where Rev. Pat Guice is pastor. The evangelist writes: "An all-time attendance record was reached in both Sunday School and Training Union the last Sunday. There were about 15 or 16 various decisions in all. (We are sorry the report is not more definite on conversions. Ed.) I received this invitation, incidentally, as I have five others the past year, as a result of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. My schedule would permit 5 or 6 more meetings a year."

EVANGELIST CARLYLE SCOTT, 713 Whitlock Avenue, Crawfordsville, Indiana, writes: "The meeting at Flint, Michigan, with Pastor Morlin Rayburn and Grace Baptist Church was blessed of God with a number of conversions. Two ladies were saved the middle Sunday night, and one of these was a glowing witness for the Lord throughout the campaign. In the final Sunday a. m. service—after sixty or seventy saints bowed in tearful consecration—God saved six souls and one of these came back in the evening with a friend and personally led her to the altar at the invitation. A young man and his wife were happily saved in the final service."

"Our meeting at Muscatine, Iowa, at the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Rev. Timothy Barrett, pastor, was of similar result. This meeting ran from October 26-November 9. There were some fifteen souls who called on the Lord for salvation, plus some forty . . . reconsecrations."

Evangelist-Pastor **PAUL O. RAKER** of 62 E. Clemmons Road, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, writes of a good campaign with Evangelist Dick Melton, 1340 Chadwick Circle, Memphis, Tennessee, October 20-November 2. During the revival 18 were saved, and 15 came for baptism and church membership, with three more joining the church by letter. Eighteen young people came forward to dedicate themselves to a separated life for Christ.



By Aunt Joy

Dear Nieces and Nephews:

Have you been enrolled as a member of the Sword-Bearers Club yet? If you haven't, why not sit down right now and fill out the coupon on this page. Notice the rules for membership. Will you set out, by God's help, to read at least one chapter a day in the Bible and take time to pray? If you have not yet learned to read well enough to tackle a chapter by yourself, maybe your mom or dad would be willing to read one chapter to you.

The only way for you to grow to be the strong Christian God wants you to be is by daily reading God's Word. And that's the reason why this club was started—to encourage each of you young Christians in your Bible reading and prayer time.

If you want to become a member of the Sword-Bearers Club, then fill out the coupon now and rush it to Aunt Joy, Kids Korner, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois, along with 25c. In return, I will enroll you as a member of the club and send you a beautiful gold sword pin for you to wear on your shirt or dress. Your friends will all admire the gold sword, and that will give you an opportunity to tell them about the Sword-Bearers Club and about the Lord Jesus.

One of the most interesting stories in the Old Testament is the story of Naaman, the Syrian captain, who was healed of his leprosy by God's prophet, Elisha. And Naaman would never have been healed or come to know God Himself had it not been for a little Jewish slave girl who told her mistress what God could do through Elisha.

A Little Slave Girl Helps Naaman

II Kings 5:1-14

In the country to the north of Israel lived the Syrians. They had never been taught about the true God, so they worshiped an idol called Rimmon. In their cities they built temples for Rimmon.

While Elisha was the prophet in Israel, the Syrians sometimes attacked the cities of Israel. The invaders took from these cities



anything they wanted. Sometimes they even took people and children for slaves.

In one raid on an Israelite city a little girl was captured. With others she was taken to Syria and sold as a slave. Naaman, the rich captain of the Syrian army, saw the little girl and bought her to serve his wife.

The little maid was treated kindly. She learned how to wait on her mistress. After a while she began to like her new home. As time passed she began to think of Naaman and his wife as her family.

Then trouble came. Naaman had a serious disease called leprosy. Already there were white spots on his skin. Unless he were cured, the skin would decay and drop off. At first he did not have pain, but Naaman knew he would eventually suffer greatly. Even his fingers and toes would drop off.

Perhaps he would lose other parts of his body. Finally he would die.

The king of Syria was sorry that the captain of his army had leprosy. Naaman was a brave captain. He had led the Syrians to victory many times. The king thought so much of Naaman that he chose the captain to go with him to the temple of Rimmon to worship their idol.

The little slave girl too was very sad when she found out her master had this terrible disease. How much she wanted to comfort Naaman and his wife! She told her mistress, "If my master Naaman would go to God's prophet in Samaria, the prophet would make him well."

Naaman's wife was interested at once. She hurried to tell her husband what the little girl had said. Naaman ran to tell the king.

The king smiled when he heard it, for he loved Naaman and wanted to see him cured of his leprosy. "I will write a letter to the king of Israel and ask him to cure you of this disease. You will go to Samaria at once and take the letter with you," the king said.

The king of Syria knew nothing about the true God. He thought surely the king of Israel would be the most powerful person in all that country. To repay the king of Israel for this favor, he sent gold and silver and beautiful clothing. The servants loaded these gifts onto their horses. With Naaman they started for Samaria.

Naaman's prancing horses and great chariot stopped before the palace in Samaria. A messenger delivered the letter to the king of Israel. Anxiously Naaman and his servants waited outside the gate for the king's answer.

How distressed the king of Israel was when he read the letter! He said, "Does the king of Syria think I am God that I can kill and make alive? Why has he sent this leprous man to me? How can I make him well? It must be that the king of Syria is only using this as an excuse to make war against us."

He was so troubled that he tore his clothes, for he did not know what to do. If he had loved and served the true God instead of idols, he would have known about God's prophet Elisha.

Outside the gate Naaman and his servants wondered why the king was so slow. Little did they know the excitement and trouble their letter had caused.

While they waited Elisha sent to the king and asked, "Why have you torn your clothes? Send the leprous man to me so he can know there is a prophet in Israel."

The king was relieved to get Elisha's message. Quickly he sent Naaman and his servants to Elisha's house.

When Naaman and his servants came, Elisha did not go out to meet them. Instead he sent a servant who told Naaman, "My master Elisha says, 'Go and wash in the Jordan River seven times. Then your skin will become new and the leprosy will be gone.'"

Naaman felt insulted. Not only

In the Nick of Time

I am never tired of pointing out that the Greek phrase translated, "In the time of need," is a colloquialism, of which the "nick of time" is the exact equivalent: "That we may have grace to help in the 'nick of time.'" Grace just when and where I need it. You are attacked by temptation, and at the moment of assault, you look to Him, and the grace is there to help in "the nick of time." No postponement of your petition until the evening hour of prayer; but there, man there in the city street, with the flaming temptation in front of you, turn to Christ with a cry for help, and the grace will be there in "the nick of time."

—G. Campbell Morgan

had Elisha refused to come out to see him, but he had told Naaman to bathe in the muddy Jordan. Angrily Naaman stalked away from Elisha's house and started back to Syria. "Why should I bathe in that muddy river when I can bathe in the clear waters of our rivers at home?" he asked.

Naaman's servants knew that bathing alone would never cure their master of leprosy. They wanted him to do as the prophet said. If he did not, he might never be well again.

One servant said to Naaman, "If this prophet had come to you and told you to do something hard, would you have done it?" Naaman nodded his head. Then the servant asked, "Then why not do this little thing and be cured of your leprosy?"

Naaman knew the servant had spoken wisely. He ordered the driver to turn toward the Jordan. When they reached the river, he went down into the muddy water. He dipped his body one time. Still the spots of leprosy were there. Again he dipped, but he could see no change. Three, four, five, six times he dipped, but nothing happened. When he came out of the water the seventh time, he could not find a single trace of the disease anywhere on his body.

How happy Naaman was! He must go to the prophet at once and tell him what had happened.

When Elisha came out, Naaman said, "Now I know there is no God in all the earth but in Israel." He was thankful to be well again.

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My, it is a good thing Naaman dipped the seventh time! As soon as he believed and obeyed the Word of God from Elisha, that instant he was healed. Right then Naaman knew for sure that this God was the true God and he trusted Him for forgiveness.

And just as quickly as Naaman was made well, so you can have your sins forgiven and a clean heart. If you have never trusted the Lord Jesus to save you before, I hope you will right now. God promises, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). The moment you call on Jesus and ask Him to save you, depending on Him to do it, that moment He will wash your sins away and make you His child. Won't you call on Him now, and then write and tell me about it?

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Please enroll me as a member of the Sword-Bearers Club. I will aim to be a "good soldier of Jesus Christ" in everything I do. I promise, by God's help, to take time each day to read one chapter in the Bible. I will set out to follow what it teaches.

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THE EDITOR'S Notes

by John R. Rice

We here at the Sword of the Lord offices are deeply concerned about the present subscription campaign. We have thousands of friends who love THE SWORD OF THE LORD. They say so. One recent day we had 1,258 letters. We have received over 16,000 letters in one month's time. People write to tell us that they believe in the stand of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, they are blessed by the sermons, children have been saved through the "Kids Korner," preachers say THE SWORD OF THE LORD is their greatest human source of inspiration by the teaching and spiritual help. Yes, we have lots of friends. BUT ARE THEY THE KIND OF FRIENDS WHO ACT AS WELL AS TALK?

Are they the kind of friends who say and do not? Are they the kind of friends who draw nigh to God with their lips, but their hearts are far from Him, as far as actually getting out the Gospel, backing up the defense of the faith, standing by those who are faithful to God and the Bible?

I say, we here at the Sword of the Lord are deeply concerned. Some Christians run after every fad of doctrinal practice, after every new idol who pleases the flesh, after every easy way of living that does not offend anybody. They follow everyone who says to the modernist and the infidel, "Peace, peace," when there is no peace.

Yes, we have tens of thousands of friends—they say so. Now will they act like friends of the Lord and friends of THE SWORD OF THE LORD and friends of the Spirit-anointed ministry God has led us in these many years? That will be shown by the way they send subscriptions for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

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Moving Letters From Preachers

We have received recently most moving and heart-warming letters from gospel preachers, foreign missionaries, ministerial students. A young preacher from South Carolina tells how THE SWORD OF THE LORD helped to lead him into surrender for the gospel ministry. From Texas a young preacher tells of how he and his wife were led from a cold backslidden state, nominal Christians, to a devoted love for the Bible and soul-winning zeal, and how he began to preach the Gospel, inspired and fed from THE SWORD OF THE LORD. From the Philippine Islands comes the ardent letter of a national pastor overflowing with love and gratitude for blessings received, asking further Bible questions. And I remember that Presbyterian pastor the other day who stood with eyes filled with tears to tell how God reached him when he was an alcoholic in a sanitarium and how THE SWORD OF THE LORD had been his meat and drink, his constant stay in the ministry, and he wished me to put my hand upon him and pray for him to be filled with the Holy Spirit anew.

I feel this matter so much that within the last month I have put over \$1,900 which comes as royalty on my books, into our Ministers and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund. I did not count the money as mine. I had the check made out to THE SWORD OF THE LORD for this matter. How my heart is blessed to help stir the hearts of preachers. How gladly I sent the hundred copies of THE SWORD OF THE LORD requested by a retired Methodist preacher. He wanted to send it to leaders in his church. How gladly I use the money which could go for new clothes or a new car or for Christmas spending, to send THE SWORD OF THE LORD to preachers, to ministerial students, and to missionaries. Is this your burden, too? Will you ask God to give you a burden for preachers and then pray God to use THE SWORD OF THE LORD to warm, to inspire, to teach, and to warn ministers of the Gospel everywhere? And those who can, we hope will send offerings to the Sword Ministers and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund. For every gift over \$3 to this fund sent during our present subscription offer, we will give a free copy of the book, *Is God a "Dirty Bully"?* and *Other Sensational Sermons*, that is, as long as the first 5,000 copies last, or up till January 12.

But would it not be a good idea to honor the birthday of the Lord Jesus, and the birthday of this unworthy editor December 11, by getting your subscriptions for Christmas or by giving to the Ministers and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund, by that date?

"The Dangerous Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible"

We have just received the pamphlet by the above name, written by Rev. Kenton F. Beshore, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oceanside, California. Three years ago we published a remarkable message by Brother Beshore on the R. S. V. Bible. Besides the many thousand copies in THE SWORD OF THE LORD, five thousand copies were mimeographed and mailed out. Now it has been revised and published in a lovely pamphlet form, twenty-four pages plus leatherette cover. We commend it highly. It may be bought from the above address, 15c per copy, ten copies for \$1, and that is a remarkably low price. Get a number of copies to pass out to friends and loved ones. It is sensible, scholarly, reverent, restrained. It tells genuine sensible reasons why Christians ought not to use nor recommend the Revised Standard Version.

INCIDENTS and Illustrations

By Evangelist Robert L. Sumner
Contributing Editor

Narcotics in America

A few years ago a Senate committee headed by Price Daniel, now Governor of Texas, spent eight months investigating the narcotics traffic in the United States. They established the tragic conclusion that narcotic addiction is directly responsible for approximately one-fourth of all crimes committed in the United States. They went into the matter very thoroughly, questioning more than three hundred witnesses which included dope-peddlers, addicts and medical experts, and compiled reports from two thousand law-enforcement leaders in many states. They learned that, next to illegal gambling, the "junk" business is the underworld's most lucrative, that the average addict is under thirty, that one out of every eight is under twenty-one, and that in a single year (1955) addicts paid approximately three hundred million dollars just for heroin alone.

Officials in New York City declared that thirty per cent of all their dangerous criminal offenders—such as robbers and burglars—were drug addicts and that the percentage among lesser criminals was even higher. They stated that these addicts were robbing New Yorkers of approximately fifty-five million dollars per year. The Houston Chief of Police testified that addicts committed seventy-five per cent of his city's serious burglaries. Authorities in Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Washington, and forty other major cities testified to kindred situations.

The biggest problem is not with the law enforcement authorities, but with the laws themselves. Commissioner Harry J. Anslinger of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics has two hundred and fifty agents working under him and an annual budget of three million dollars. However, as one federal judge expressed it, "The laws seem to be designed not only to protect the narcotic peddler, but to make him practically invulnerable." The Boggs Act of 1951 offers only mild punishment for the first offense (such as two to five years, or a suspended sentence or probation), a second offender can get five years but not more than ten, and a third offender can receive a minimum of ten but a maximum of twenty years. Commissioner Anslinger heatedly expressed it: "When you think that a man who robs a U. S. post office automatically gets twenty-five years, these sentences don't seem to make much sense. An armed robber may jeopardize the lives of a few people for a few minutes; the narcotics seller literally murders hundreds on the installment plan."

In states and areas where local laws have been stronger, the narcotics traffic is noticeably diminished. For example, in New Orleans and Philadelphia, when special laws were enforced, crimes in this category dropped tremendously—just as crimes in all other categories did as a result of the narcotic drop.

We need tougher laws! As one U. S. Attorney expressed it, "With really tough laws we have reduced kidnaping, counterfeiting and mail robbery to a bare minimum. We could make dope peddling just as unattractive to the underworld if people would get angry enough to force Congress and the judges to crack down."

"The home is the front line in the battle against delinquency. Parents must learn to face facts, live by the truth, set good examples, take time to understand their children and, above all, truly love them. The parent who really loves his child will be concerned about him, will know where he is



\$380 Sent to Philippines

FOR 50,000 COPIES "WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?" IN TAGALOG

By Viola Walden
Editor's Secretary

Today we have mailed a check to the Philippines. Several Sword readers sent gifts for another edition of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in Tagalog, after Dr. Rice's appeal some time ago, but not nearly enough to cover the \$380 sent today. More is needed for that. We thank all who helped. More is needed. The following letter came November 14th from Rev. Raymond C. Oram of the Christian Literature Crusade, Manila:

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"Thank you for your letter of September 4. It was a real encouragement to know of the interest in spreading the Gospel in the Philippines and we are so glad that another edition of 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' can be printed.

"Since receiving your letter we have contacted many about the program and believe that we can provide the necessary follow-up

ministry. Where it is possible, the missionaries and others on the spot will handle the contacts, but for these and all others, Bible Correspondence courses are available.

"It is our prayer that this soul-winning booklet may be made available in other Philippine languages that more of the needy millions out here might have, at least one opportunity of hearing the Gospel.

"If it is possible, we would like to put through a printing not later than January next year."

In 1952 the first edition was printed. It was soon gone. Now we are glad that another edition will be available in the Philippines. Do you wish to have a part in it? If so, send gifts to the Free Literature Fund, Sword of the Lord, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

All Are Needed

At the Prince of Wales College for African youth at Achimota, Gold Coast, Africa, Alexander Fraser, a Briton, was principal, and Kwegyir Aggrey, an African, was vice-principal. "God knew what he was doing when He made me black," said Dr. Aggrey one day to the writer, flashing into his happy laugh. "He didn't want me to be white or gray, but just black" (which Dr. Aggrey certainly was). "If you are playing the piano you can't play a good tune with the white notes alone; you must have the black ones, too. And God wants to play His tunes with His black notes and His white notes together."

—Black Treasure

and what he is doing. Too many are unaware of their youngsters' activities outside the home."—J. Edgar Hoover.

Advice From the Devil

What the so-called spiritualist calls "a spirit of divination" is actually demon possession, as Paul's experience at Philippi makes quite clear (Acts 16:16-19). The other day, a thirty-six-year-old Chicago mother drowned her six-month-old daughter because "a spiritualist told me the baby would grow up to be healthy, but an imbecile." The mother, who confessed her crime to Milwaukee police, identified the "spiritualist" as a Melrose Park woman.

The mother, Mrs. Isabelle Polenz, told police she had fed the baby first, then drowned her in the bath tub, dressed her, and placed her in her crib. Then she went to try to find her husband, a tavernkeeper, to tell him what she had done. When she could not find him, she went to another

spiritualist for counsel, and he turned her over to the police.

The Word of God says about such matters: "There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch. Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God" (Deut. 18:10-13). Again He said, "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live" (Exod. 22:18).

Evangelist Sumner can be seen and heard:

Thru December 14:
Calvary Baptist Church
403 North Lafayette Street
Macomb, Illinois

December 28-January 11:
Southside Baptist Church
Sebring, Florida

Dr. Bob Jones SAYS:



The following quotation is taken from a letter that was received recently from a former student of Bob Jones University who is an orthodox pastor of an orthodox church in a Southern state: "It was so good to hear from you and so reassuring to know that Bob Jones University is still standing for the right regardless of the cost. This is just a short note to let you know that I am still loyal to our school because it is still loyal to our Lord Jesus Christ. I never won a soul to the Lord until I came to Bob Jones University in 1950. During the five years I was there, my mother was saved (through the showing of LIGHT OF THE WORLD), my two sisters were saved (one is now working in the office at the University), my dad made a public profession of faith, and my wife's sister was saved."

We have had more wonderful

letters from former students recently than ever before. Here at Bob Jones University we are holding a line of uncompromising, fighting, old-time orthodoxy. We are earnestly contending for the faith, and we are winning (through present students and former students) thousands of souls to the Lord Jesus Christ every year.

Won't you please pray for us and invest some of the Lord's money in the work of Bob Jones University; and if you know somebody in the community you think can be trained for real, uncompromising, orthodox, Christian leadership in any field of service, we would be glad to hear from you. Thank you, and God bless you.

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I'm Giving Books This Year

By Mary Katherine MacDougall

This year, I'm giving books for Christmas.

I've said it, I've sung it all this year and it's made beautiful music. I'm not going to be tired out at Christmas, and family and friends are going to have a Christmas with books.

Each year I had been resolving that I'd lick this madness called "Christmas giving." Each year I was licked. Oh, I'd go down happy, if exhausted, for no one loves Christmas planning and giving more than I do. But I knew in my Christmas tiredness last year I had to find a new way, a happier, less wearing way.

On Christmas Eve each one in our family opens one gift before we go to bed. This gift is the one we're most curious about or the one from a special person. Last year, it was after midnight and the non-family were gone. The rest waited, some a little impatiently, for me to look and choose first.

I chose. A book.

It wasn't until I was happily stretching the tiredness out in bed that I opened my new book. It was good to feel the unread fresh pages, to smell the sweet mixture of ink and paper. But coming between me and the first chapter was an idea: Give books next Christmas. Books to everyone.

Forgotten was my fatigue. I was excited. I was still excited the next day.

How improvident I'd been all these years not to do more book giving. Books had always been a part of my Christmas. When I was small each of us had a chair on which to hang a stocking. On Christmas morning, on each chair, along with other gifts, was at least one book. I remember the year I received six. I couldn't read them all on Christmas Day and I went to bed feeling that more of Christmas was still to come.

In my own family there always were books on the Christmas list. When I worked in a bookstore, I helped hundreds of people buy gift books. And yet I had never before thought of the possibilities of a books-only Christmas.

During the year when talk of the not-too-long-until Christmas came up, and I'd say, "I'm giving books for Christmas," never did I fail to get at least one, "Hope you give me a book!"

It's November and the books are bought, wrapped and ready for mailing. And it's been such fun. There have been so many good new books.

(Used from *Christian Herald* with grateful thanks.)

What a wonderful idea, Miss MacDougall! And here's some suggestions we make for some on your Christmas list.

For the children, there is Grace MacMullen's book, **A REWARD FOR JERRY**. Full of suspense, excitement, and appealing lessons, it will brighten the whole Christmas holiday (\$1.25).

For the young people on your list, there is **BLACK ROCK**, by Ralph Connor, a famous Christian classic about the coming of the Gospel to the foothills of the Rockies in Western Canada during the pioneer days of the 1880's. A story of the rough frontier days with miners and lumbermen, with saloons and stagecoach, yet a tender, beautiful and moving story of the power of the Gospel to save the vilest sinner (\$2).

Or, **SEEKING A CITY**—a novel by John R. Rice. A panoramic unfolding of the life of Abraham. How hearts will burn as they follow Abraham's restless search for the city whose maker and builder is God. And the one who reads will find a longing in his own heart, as Abraham did, to become the friend of God (\$3).

We suggest also for high school and college age **HOLLYWOOD CESSPOOL**, by R. L. Sumner. Dr. Herbert Lockyer said it "is doubtful whether there is another book like this in the world . . . a book every separated Christian ought to possess." Gives documented information concerning over 900 leading movie personalities exposing their wicked lives, their rotten connections, their sinful examples on and off the silver screen, and their unbiblical religion. Literally hundreds of movies are reviewed showing the sin-

ful, shameful, pagan philosophies taught by the commercial motion picture industry with reference to life, love, law and our Lord (\$3).

Or that all-important book by Dr. John R. Rice, **THE SCARLET SIN**, is a very, very valuable book for this group. Some of Dr. Rice's best messages are included here—"All of Satan's Apples Have Worms," "The Worth of a Soul" and "The Unpardonable Sin" (\$2.50).

To young lovers about to establish a home, **THE HOME, Courtship, Marriage, and Children**, by Dr. Rice. Help them to establish the kind of home they really want, but do not know how to have. This book was written to be a Bible manual for a happy, successful Christian home. Not untested theory, but Bible-proved fact, this book will show God's standard for the home, and help young people to meet it. Here are reminders about the things to be considered before marriage; how to know who you ought to marry; what the principles of happy and successful marriage are; why the engagement ought to be kept honorable and pure. Use this book for a Christmas gift to one about to become engaged or married (\$3).

For a friend who has had much personal sorrow, we would suggest **GOD'S CURE FOR ANXIOUS CARE**. Jesus is just as wonderful in the night as in the day. He is adequate for poverty and riches, for sickness and health. This book includes a group of Bible messages just meant for the time of sickness, of trouble, of loneliness or distress. God uses it to bring songs in the night (\$2).

Since Uncle Tom has a large

Sunday School class of men, and Aunt Harriet teaches the ladies—and both find it necessary at times to answer questions such as "Was the church founded at Pentecost?" "Did John the Baptist preach the Gospel of the kingdom for Jews only; did Paul preach a new gospel of grace for all?" "Is a Christian's sinful nature completely eradicated?" "Did God give men the thoughts of Scripture, not the very words?" "Will the Holy Spirit go with you if you go to a place of sin?" "Can a born-again child of God lose salvation"—both will happily be able to find the right answer every time in **TWELVE TREMENDOUS THEMES**, because every statement is backed by Scripture. A wonderful helpful gift for every teacher of the Bible (\$2.50).

Also, any Sunday School teacher needs Dr. Rice's **THE KING OF THE JEWS**, a verse-by-verse commentary on Matthew's Gospel. Dr. R. G. Lee said, "Of all the commentaries on Matthew's Gospel, this is, for me, the best." A massive volume of over 500 pages, giving complete coverage of all the Gospel, even adding extra notes and helps at the hard places (\$4.50).

My, we have so many good books to recommend for your pastor and missionary!

What pastor or missionary has not read about great Gospel giants of the past and asked himself, "What did they have that I don't have? What changed Peter, a rough, impulsive fisherman, into a powerful preacher? What miracle transformed D. L. Moody from a lowly shoe salesman to a great soul winner?" **THE POWER OF PENTECOST**, by Dr. Rice, is the clearest Bible teaching in any book since Moody and Torrey died, on how to have the mighty power of God for soul winning and witnessing. By all means get this book for your beloved pastor, and foreign missionary. Fifteen thrilling chapters (\$3.50).

Another help for his library would be **THE PREACHER AND HIS PREACHING**, by Dr. W. B. Riley. This book will be a tremendous help to every pastor who wants to improve his ministry. Though the book is a textbook on preaching, it is more than that. It is a popular treatment which will provide fascinating reading and endless help for preachers and others as well—all who present the Word in some form. Undoubtedly it will be a great contribution to the preaching of our day, when placed in the hands of pastors, evangelists, and ministerial students (\$2).

THE SOUL WINNER'S FIRE, by Dr. Rice—a book of carefully chosen messages intended to fire the hearts of God's people and send them out with tears and holy passion to rescue the lost. Every one of the eight messages has definitely to do with the great business of winning souls. Dr. Henry Hepburn commented: "The perusal of these pages will send the believer to his knees to ask for a fresh infilling of spiritual power for service . . ." (\$1.50).

Now for an appropriate Christmas gift for the two most cherished members of the family—Mom and Dad!

Topping the list is **PRAYER—Asking and Receiving**. "This book . . . is one of the most interesting, refreshing, and conclusive works on prayer we have ever consulted," wrote the late Dr. H. A. Ironside, 21 chapters on every phase of prayer—answers to prayer, hindrances to prayer, praying through, prayer and fasting, praying for healing, miracles in answer to prayer, the sin of prayerlessness, etc. Dr. Rice tells some remarkable answers to prayer in his own life. Makes the heart glow and burn and moves the soul to prayer. The miracle-working God still answers prayer! Recommended reading in every Christian home (\$3).

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Christmas Only 20 Days Away

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—Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.

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What Is Closest to the Heart . . . ?

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came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.—Luke 24:46-52.

For our text notice verse 47: "That repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

Five times in the first five books of the New Testament we have recorded by four different writers what is called the GREAT COMMISSION.

Jesus Christ has given a commission to the church. If you want to know what is closest to the heart of the Lord Jesus Christ, notice the five times that the Great Commission is given in the first five books of the New Testament. Of course, you know the answer. The thing closest to the heart of Jesus Christ was the matter of soul winning—seeing people saved, seeing people hear about Jesus who could satisfy the longing of the heart, forgive sin, and save people from sin. Every time you find Jesus in the Bible He is interested in somebody's soul. He was the greatest personal worker the world has ever known. The greatest sermons and discourses He ever gave were not given to great multitudes of people, but, in many instances, they were given to one person.

You see Him sitting at Jacob's well in John 4. He is thirsty and tired, but there is a longing in His heart that supercedes His desire for water and His desire for rest. A woman comes who is lost. Jesus talks with her and leads her to a saving knowledge of Himself. The disciples come later with food to eat. He says, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of" (John

4:32).

You see Him one night in the city of Jerusalem, and perhaps He and His anxious inquirer were standing out in the beautiful Judean moonlight. From His blessed lips that night there came the most vital and important message that ever fell on human ears, the message of the new birth. That message was not given in the temple to a great congregation of people, it was not spoken to thronging multitudes on the hillsides. It was spoken to one man—a lost, rich, religious ruler. Jesus was not too busy to talk alone with one man or woman. The preacher who is too busy to speak with one lost man or woman will probably never build a large church or speak to great congregations.

I think I am safe in saying that the thing that was closest to the heart of Jesus Christ was to see people saved. The thing that was on His heart all the time, the thing for which He came into the world He expressed in Luke 19: 10 in these words, "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which is lost."

In Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Acts Jesus gives the commission to the church. Every church, every church member, every Christian, and every preacher ought to be interested in knowing what the commission to the church is. What did the Lord Jesus Christ, before He left this world, tell the church that the church's job is? What is our greatest responsibility? What is the thing that five times Jesus talked about just before the heavens burst with the glory of God and He was received out of sight? What is the thing that five times

Jesus mentioned and indicated that it meant more to Him than anything else taught in the Word of God?

I. The Promise of His Presence (Matt. 28:20)

In the closing verses of the Gospel of Matthew for the first time in the New Testament, we find the commission of the Lord Jesus Christ to the church. There we read, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28: 18-20).

The amazing and wonderful thing about the five times Jesus commissions the church to win souls is that He makes a separate and distinct promise to the church or to the Christian who will win lost souls. He says, "If you carry out My commission, you can depend on My presence."

Every one of these five times He guarantees the Christian something. Every one of these five times He assures the Christian of something different if the Christian would be a soul winner. Here He says, "If you go into all the world, if you make the gospel known, if you put soul winning first in your church, in your heart, in your life, in your time, if you put soul winning at the top of the list, 'LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAY, EVEN UNTO THE END OF THE AGE.'"

There is a sense in which He is with every Christian. There is a sense in which God is with a Christian if he never lifts his hand to win a soul. There is a sense in which God is with me if I never speak to another lost soul from now until my dying day. He came into my heart years ago. He will never leave me nor forsake me. God Almighty is with me all the time, anywhere and everywhere.

But here's something special: Jesus said, "If you go into all the world . . ." Your world starts right where you are. It starts in your family. It starts on your street. It starts in your office. It starts wherever you touch one single human life. Jesus said, "If you go to people with the gospel, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the age."

I think of some of the wonderful moments of my fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ, and I've enjoyed some wonderful moments, thank God. I think about times when I go yonder into my office, close the door and get down on my knees with God's Book open before my face and ask God to speak to me and then tell God what I have on my heart. Those are wonderful moments.

Every night before bedtime, I take the Word of God and gather my family about me and read a chapter of God's Holy Word and we bow our heads and thank God for His goodness upon our home and upon our family. Those are wonderful moments. God is with us when we pray as a family.

But the one time in all the Word of God that the Lord Jesus Christ promised His presence in a special way to a Christian is when that Christian is in the act of soul winning. "If you go," He said, "lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the age."

It is a mystery to me why it is so hard to get people to do what Jesus taught they are supposed to do; that is, to witness to the lost. Never am I more conscious of His presence than when I am out to win a soul to Him. I am thinking of a Sunday afternoon some time ago when my daughter and I went out on a Sunday afternoon to go from house to house to find the lost and unchurched. I could preach a whole sermon on miraculous things which have happened on one street while doing such work. On this particular occasion as I knocked at the door of one home, a middle-aged lady came to the door. She was in tears, and it was evident that she was in great distress. I said to her, "I am Tom Malone, and my daughter and I are out inviting people to come to the service tonight at the Emmanuel Baptist Church."

"Oh, Brother Tom," she said, "I have heard you many times on the radio. I am so glad you came.

I am in deep distress; please come in quickly." She continued, "My son is back here in the kitchen; he is a war veteran. While he was in the service, his wife proved unfaithful to him and has now left him. He has a knife in his hand and is about to take his life. Won't you please help him?"

I went back into the kitchen and standing over by the sink was a fine looking young man, shaking like a leaf in the wind and weeping like a child. I took him by the hand and led him to a chair and told him of One who could forgive him of all his sin and who would be a friend and companion and would never prove unfaithful to him.

I had the joy of leading both mother and son to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. God knew where that boy was and knew he was close to an eternal Hell. He led me there; He gave me words to say. He was with me. "And lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." You may never have the backing and approval of great religious machines and denominational programs, but you can reckon upon the presence of God if you really want to be a soul winner.

II. The Promise of His Protection (Mark 16:15-18)

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

Here in the Book of Mark where Jesus gives the Great Commission, He gives it with the promise of His protection. Notice the five things that Jesus promises that His disciples were to have victory over:

1. They could cast out devils.
2. They could speak with new tongues, or new languages.
3. They could take up serpents.
4. If they drank any deadly thing, it would not hurt them.
5. They were to have victory over disease.

I have often given thought and prayer to this passage of Scripture in Mark 16 because, beyond any shadow of doubt, there are some difficulties attached to it. We make no claim to scholarship; we are merely a student of the Scriptures, but there are two or three things we believe to be true concerning this passage which ought to be mentioned here.

First, from verse 9 in this chapter to the end, through verse 20, there is a question about the inspiration of it. Scofield footnotes make plain that these verses are not found in the two oldest and most authoritative manuscripts, the Sinaitic and the Vatican. Nevertheless, it was quoted as we have it by the early church saints and soon after Pentecost, and in all probability it is a part of the sacred writings, inspired of God.

A second matter that should be mentioned is that this particular Scripture might be said to be apostolic in nature. The signs Jesus gave here, which were to follow preaching the gospel and winning the lost, were definitely apostolic. The apostles had these signs in their ministry. For instance, Paul, on the island of Malta, was bitten by a venomous serpent, which did him no harm because God was with him to protect him. His work was not done, and until his work of soul winning was finished, God would allow no harm to come to him.

The third thing, and to me the most wonderful, is that beyond any shadow of doubt the passage is designed to teach that God's special protection is promised to the soul winner and the angels of the Lord encamp around about those who seek to do His will and send His Word to the ends of the earth. I have the assurance in my heart that no evil could possibly befall me as I seek to win the lost except it come from the hand

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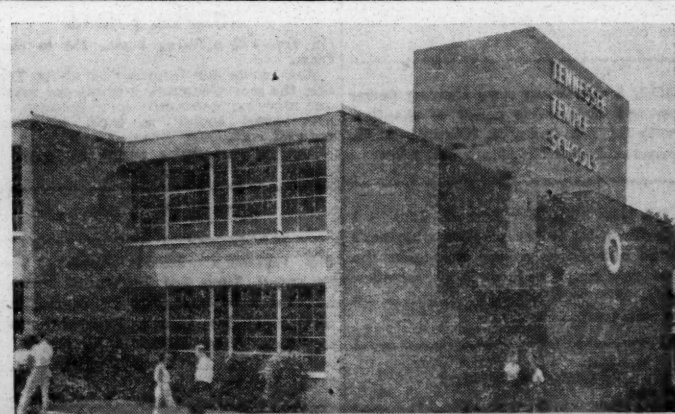
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What Is Closest to the Heart . . . ?

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of God as a part of His directive will for my life and ministry.

I know that many of God's chosen saints have laid down their lives for the gospel's sake, have been torn asunder, thrown to the wild beasts and burned at the stake, but I believe that by the cruel persecution and death of these saints of God they have won more people and sent the gospel further into the regions of the world than they ever could have by living. I have sometimes felt it was almost unnecessary to speak concerning the protective power of God for soul winners. So few of God's people today are out in the hot part of the battle; so few are willing to endanger themselves and hazard their life for the cause of Christ. So many today play it absolutely safe, take no risk whatever and keep a safe distance away from the possibility of embarrassment and persecution. The same God who sent earthquakes to tear down prisons and sent angels to jail to liberate His messenger will protect the child of God who dares to walk with Him in this all-important matter of soul winning.

God protects His soul winners. Thank God for this! If you will consecrate your services this day to the Lord, put soul winning first in your life, now and forever, God's hand will be on your life in

a most wonderful and in a special way. I have been in places as a preacher from which I do not believe I could have come out unscathed and unharmed had it not been for His assisting grace and His overcoming power.

III. The Promise of His Program (Luke 24:46, 47)

In the Book of Luke, Jesus outlines His program in the Great Commission. He says, "Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations [Now watch; I want to dwell on this!] beginning at Jerusalem."

Jesus said, "The gospel must go to the ends of the earth." Where is this church to start? Where were the twelve disciples to begin? Where is this Pentecostal church, which is filled with the Holy Ghost of God, to start? Where are you to start? Jesus said, "It's going to all nations but beginning at Jerusalem."

Why? It was at Jerusalem that wicked people crucified the Son of God, and they were as lost as the heathen in the darkest part of the world. Jesus is teaching here that before you can send the gospel to Africa and India, you must evangelize at home. That is

the program for the church and for any New Testament Christian church. Start at home. The biggest farce in the world is to send a dollar to Africa and not knock on a door in Pontiac or some other city. It's hypocrisy and it's mockery!

Word came to me some time ago of a missionary circle in which some members (not all of them, thank God) said, "Visitation business is not our business. We're a missionary circle."

Yes, it is your business. The missionary program for the church I pastor starts in the city of Pontiac. If we can't have a missionary circle that believes that, we won't have one.

First at Jerusalem! Do you know why some people don't win souls at home? They've never seen the truth that Jesus taught, the truth to start at Jerusalem. Do you know what it means? It means to start at yourself. Be sure you know Christ as your personal Saviour. Start winning souls at Jerusalem.

The program of the fundamental church of this age is to make Christ known by radio, by preaching, by paper, by house to house visitation, by word of mouth—every way we possibly can. That was the program of the early church. That was the program of the church at Pentecost. That was the program of the church filled with the Holy Ghost. That was the program of the early church. "Daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ" (Acts 5:42).

Let me tell you, there is many a church member and many a man or woman who criticizes the soul-winning program, criticizes the preacher that preaches it, when the only thing that person needs is an old-fashioned dose of salvation, repentance of sin and getting right with God.

The program of Jesus is soul winning, and if we don't put that first, we can't do anything right for God. The biggest mockery in the world is to have a Christian school or a church that doesn't win souls! The biggest mockery on earth is to have a seminary in a church, as we have, if we are not winning people to Christ. A missionary circle which does not win souls at home is a religious farce!

I expect every board member of our church to have a part in soul winning, and I wouldn't give five cents for any member of any board that wouldn't help win souls to Jesus Christ. They're not worthy of the name. They ought to get off the board. They're not interested in the souls of men and women.

I wouldn't give you a nickel for a Sunday School teacher who had no interest in knocking on doors and telling people about Jesus and trying to get people saved. I wouldn't give you a nickel for a choir member that sings, "O, How I Love Jesus," and fights a program that Jesus instituted.

It's hypocritical, a farce, wicked, and a positive indication of backsliding in the heart of anybody who is not interested in it. If I weren't interested in it, I just wouldn't tell anybody for anything in the world, because it surely makes it look mighty bad for you. It's closest to the heart of Jesus.

Isn't it strange that what was closest to the heart of Jesus is furthest from the heart of the average Christian? Do you understand it? Do you understand how it could be that the thing closest to Jesus' heart is so often furthest from the hearts of so-called professing people of God? I wonder sometimes if the reason for it is that the person has not started at Jerusalem? That is starting at home, starting with getting saved yourself. I believe every really saved person is interested in putting forth some effort to see people saved.

I heard some years ago of a young woman who had graduated from a Christian school and applied as a missionary candidate to a board then working in China. She was from a California city where there was a rather large population of Chinese people. A member of the examining board said, "Have you ever won a Chinaman to Christ?"

"Oh no," she said, "I haven't been to China yet. I'll win them after I get there."

The member of the missionary board said, "If you don't love the Chinese enough here in America to win them to Jesus, you will have no success at winning them after you get to China. I am going to vote against accepting you. I don't believe you will ever make a good missionary."

I agree with him. If you don't love the souls of men enough to win them right here and right now, you never will win them. "Beginning at Jerusalem"—there is only one starting place and that is right where you are now.

IV. The Promise of His Peace (John 20:19-23)

The fourth time the Great Commission is given is in John. Here Jesus guaranteed something else to the soul winner.

"Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when He had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

Jesus said, "As you go discharging that commission, giving that gospel, you are going to have great peace in your life."

We talk about twisted personalities. The only thing wrong with some people's personalities is that they are not doing the will of God. The greatest adjustment in human life is to be in God's will and to be doing what God wants you to. That will adjust more personalities than anything else in the world. That will do more for human life than anything else on this earth. The greatest peace that ever came into the heart of a human being is the peace of knowing he has done his best as a Christian to see people saved.

Some of my church people sent me a message a few days ago to go see a man in the hospital. I went to see that man three times. The first time I went to see him, I could get nowhere. But I knew the man was lost and sick; so I went back the second time and stood by his bed. He did not want to hear what I had to say, but God Almighty had given me the responsibility to witness to the lost. I stood at that bedside and read John 3:16 and Acts 16:31 and other verses showing how to be saved. I said, "O God, when I turn from this bed in a moment and walk out of this hospital, I want to be able to say that that man on his dying bed heard the gospel of Jesus Christ. Father, when some day I stand up yonder before Your throne, I don't want the blood of that man's soul to be on my hands."

He did not get saved. Later I got a message, "He's worse now." I went back the third time. I said, "Friend, can you hear me?"

"Yes."

"Can you understand what I am saying?"

"Yes."

I went over it again. I bowed my head and prayed. I believe his eyes were wide open during the prayer. I don't think he ever showed any interest.

The following day the message came that he was dead. His destiny was forever sealed. There was no more chance. Never would he hear the gospel again.

When the message came, I said to my wife, "Thank God, I did my best."

Listen, Friend, death and disaster strike everywhere. It's happening to your neighbors, your friends, your loved ones. Members of this audience today have people who are on their way to Hell and who are near to you. How will it be when the doctor says, "Your daddy is dying," or, "Your sister is dead." Can you lift your voice toward Heaven and say, "God, I did my best; I put You first in my life, my heart, my home, my business, and I tried to make Jesus known to some

lost soul."

There is a great peace in my heart today because I did my best to win him. His blood will not be on my hands in the day of reckoning. "Peace be unto you, as my father hath sent me even so send I you."

V. The Promise of His Power (Acts 1:8)

The Great Commission is given the fifth time in Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

You say, Brother Tom, I want to but I can't. I'm not strong enough."

Listen, Friend, neither am I. There's not a man or woman in this building any weaker than I am. But let me tell you, Jesus guarantees His power. He said that you have the power of the Holy Ghost to win souls to Jesus Christ. I'm here to say today that every man, every woman, every Christian who wants to see people saved and wants to evangelize this city and send the gospel to the ends of the earth can have that power of God to do it if he wants it. But it will cost something to have that power. You cannot have the world and have that power also. You cannot love and harbor sin in your heart and have that power also. You cannot be filled with your own plans, your own ambitions, and your own desires and be filled with that power. God fills clean vessels and empty vessels.

How about it, Friend? Are you saved? Are you interested in making the gospel known? That is what is closest to the heart of Jesus.

That is what I have on my heart. That is the commission to the church. That is marching orders. The Captain of the church says, "These are my orders."

God give us men and women who will salute and say, "Ask for me, dear Jesus. I'm ready, and I'll take Your gospel wherever You want it to go, and I'll be a humble, faithful witness for You."

We have the promise of His presence, His protection, His program, His peace, and His power. What more do we need?

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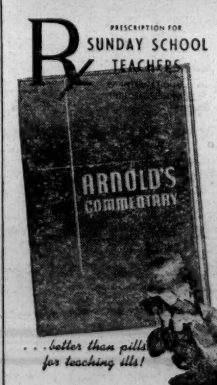
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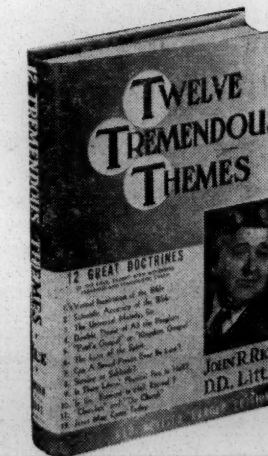
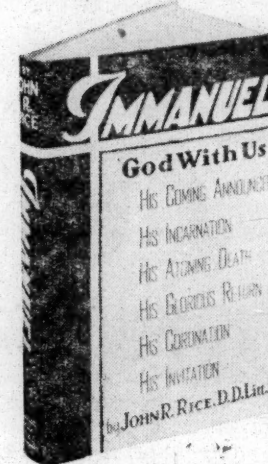
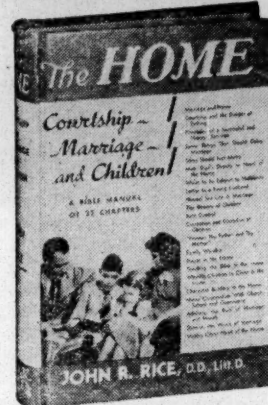
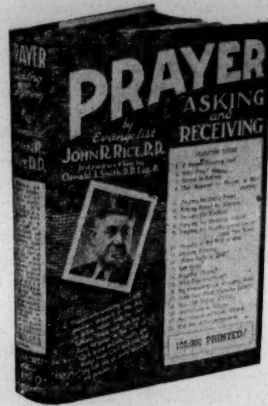
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Saddest Sayings for Sinners

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saying of Jesus in Matthew 25:41 is that unsaved sinners are cursed, Jesus says He will say, "Depart from me, ye cursed." In John 3:18 Jesus says that the sinner is condemned already. In John 3:36 He says that the wrath of God abides daily on the sinner. Here Jesus says that the unconverted sinner is cursed!

Mother, is your accountable child unconverted? Has your boy or girl never trusted Christ for salvation? Then you must be alarmed, for that child is under a curse. You should act more quickly than if you knew he was stricken down with polio or leprosy. Sinners are cursed of God.

Sometimes a Christian young woman falls in love with an unsaved young man. She feels that he is essentially good and she loves him so dearly and wishes to marry him. Don't do it! The curse of God is on him if he is not saved.

How well Paul knew this great truth that every lost sinner is accursed, for in I Corinthians 16:22 he says, "If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema . . ."—that is, let him be accursed. It is as if Paul said in earnest prayer to God, "Lord, if any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be damned to Hell forever." For that is what does happen to Christ-rejecting sinners. Christ Himself will have to turn sadly to unconverted sinners and say, "Depart from me, ye cursed."

But the sadness of the verse grows deeper, for Jesus said, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." There is fire now already prepared. Some ultradispensational Bible teacher would have us believe that there will be no lake of fire until after the last judgment, but here we find that the fire is already prepared. It is the same fire mentioned by the Lord Jesus when He told of the rich man who fared

sumptuously every day until he died and woke up tormented in flames and Hell. There seems to me to be a deep pathos in the thought that even when Jesus sends cursed Christ-rejectors to Hell, He tells them, "I never meant it for you! You were made in the image of God! It was intended that you should be saved, that you should be forgiven, that you should be regenerated! There was no need for you to go to Hell. Hell was intended for Satan and his demons!"

How sad that men, made in the image of God, reject Christ and will not be saved. How sad that men turn down the offers of mercy and will not go to the Father's house of many mansions where room for all is provided! They were told that "whoever will, let him take the water of life freely," but they would not drink. You see, God loved the whole world—those who will never be saved as well as those who would. "He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (I John 2:2). It is a tragedy unspeakable for men who were intended for Heaven to land in the pit of Hell, in the fire prepared for the Devil and his angels. And every man and woman and child who goes to Hell will know that it was not intended for him, and that he could have escaped if he would have turned to Jesus for mercy and pardon.

Surely these words are among the saddest that Jesus ever spoke, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." And in the same chapter, in verse 46, we are told, "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."

III. The Eternal Burning—Rev. 14:10, 11

The sad saying of Jesus in Matthew 25:41, mentioned above, tells us that accursed unbelievers will be cast into the lake of fire prepared for the Devil and his angels. Now we feel compelled to mention another tragic Scripture which naturally follows. In Revelation 14:10, 11 is this sad saying:

"The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."

The immediate context shows that here God is speaking of Christ-rejecting sinners who, in the Great Tribulation time, side in with the Antichrist. We are told that everyone who takes the mark

of the Beast is past all pardon. Those who trusted Christ and are saved will refuse to take the mark of the Antichrist. We are not here interested in the Antichrist. For those who reject Christ in the future Great Tribulation will go to the same Hell as all other Christ-rejecting sinners. This is no special, hand-tailored Hell for a few. This is the doom of every sinner who dies without Christ. Look at these sad words again. I wish that every reader would memorize them, say them over and over to himself and realize the awful doom of lost sinners: "The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night . . ."

First, it is obvious by this tragic Scripture that the wrath of God at last will put a sinner in the torments of Hell. Oh, flee from the wrath of God! Seek God's mercy and escape His wrath. For the wrath of God burns now on all Christ-rejecting sinners and will at last be poured out like wine unmixed into the cup of God's holy indignation against sinners! And so the poor lost sinner "shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb."

There are wicked people, there are infidels in bishops' robes, there are ministers of Satan who appear as angels of light to say that the God of the Old Testament was a dirty bully, that any God who would so punish sin is their devil. Such wicked blasphemers, often from pulpits, pour out their scorn on the Psalms that threaten

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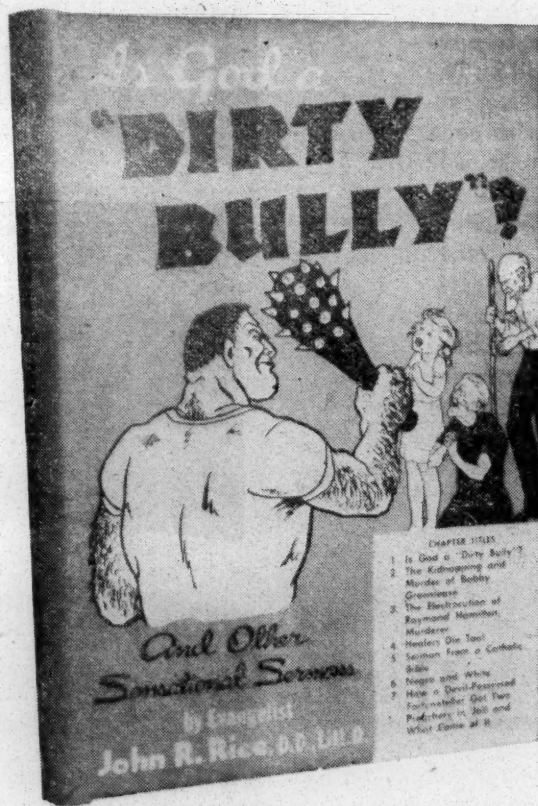
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"I Magnify Mine Office"

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the official duties of the sheriff, judge, governor or president. So in the church and kingdom of Christ. While it is the privilege of every Christian to tell the story of the cross and to otherwise aid in the dissemination of the gospel, yet in magnifying individual duties and privileges let it never be forgotten that God has called out a special class of men and set them apart officially and committed to them certain official duties. "This is a true saying, if a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work." The truth of the proposition just set forth is more recognized than realized. Let us impress ourselves with it by carefully reconsidering some things well known to all of us.

1. *The terms by which God designates His ministers not only indicate office but suggest the nature of the office and its duties.* In many places the minister is called a shepherd. A shepherd performs special duties committed to him alone. He must watch over the flock, feed them when hungry, heal them when sick, guard them in peril, keep them from worries and alarms, and shelter them in the fold. He is called a bishop, which means an overseer. The overseer has special duty and authority. He directs the labor of those he oversees. He is called a steward, one who holds in trust the goods or business of another and who acts for his principal, as an agent in the matter committed to him. He is called an ambassador, a term which implies official functions. The ambassador acts by special appointment, under definite instructions, and carries credentials authenticating his mission. There are other terms of similar purport.

2. *The form or ceremony by which the minister is set apart to his work indicates an office.* He is separated to this work by prayer and laying on of the hands of the presbytery (Acts 13:2, 3; I Tim. 4:14).

3. *The special provision made for his support indicates an office* (I Cor. 9:1-14). As there is a salary for the governor of a state, or the sheriff of a county, or a soldier in the army, so the Lord hath ordained that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel. Now it is evident that all Christians cannot live of the gospel—cannot be put on a salary out of the common fund. The fact, therefore, that special provision is made for the financial and material support of a certain class who devote their time and labor to a solemn trust for the public benefit is a demonstration that such class are in office. There is no escape from this alternative: Either the preacher is an object of charity in receiving pecuniary aid from his congregation, or he receives it in compensation for official duties.

4. *Ministerial responsibility is proof of office.* I mean to say that there is a responsibility laid on every preacher that does not rest on any private member of the church, and that in the great day of account he must answer to God for the manner in which he has discharged his official duties.

Now, by these four facts—the terms employed to designate his work, the form by which he is set apart to that work, the provision made for his support while engaged in it, and his responsibility for its performance, it is demonstrable that he fills an office in the ordinary sense of that word and the duties of such office are in contradistinction to the duties of private members of the church. These private members are not called shepherds, bishops, ambassadors, nor even stewards, in the sense that he is a steward. They are not ordained. They rely upon their secular business for a support. They have not his responsibility.

II. Why the Office Should Be Magnified

1. *Because of Him who appoints.* The dignity of every office is measured largely by the dignity of the appointing power. The servant is not above his master. When one holds an official position under the commission of a

king, that royal signature ennobles every official action performed under its authority and confers on it the royal sanction, however paltry it may seem in itself. But what earthly potentate can be compared in majesty with the King of kings and Lord of lords, who as the eternal God, Himself specially calls every man, appoints every man, and sends forth under His supreme authority every man who lawfully enters the ministry! How does such a commission, handed down from the Supreme Court of Heaven, infinitely transcend in majesty and dignity any commission issued by any lower court, so finite in time and power!

The divine Lord of the harvest sends forth His laborers into the harvest. He separates them from the masses of Christian people. He kindles on the altar of their hearts an unquenchable desire to preach His gospel. He counts it as rendered to Himself the treatment they receive. An audience given to them is given to Him. Their message scorned is His message scorned. Therefore, every minister should magnify his office.

2. *This office should be magnified because of the work involved in it.* What is the minister to do? For what service is he commissioned? Even those in high authority sometimes necessarily commission their servants to perform trifling and unimportant services. But is such your work, my brethren? Let us re-read our commission tonight. The Scriptures which introduced this service tell their own story. They were earnestly and solemnly read—were they reverently heard? By them our work is divided into two distinct parts—reconciliation and edification. The reconciliation of sinners to God—the upbuilding of the reconciled in their most holy faith. How awful the responsibility, how solemn the obligation, how important the service of carrying to the lost the word and hope of eternal life! Salvation! Salvation! How much it means! Life! Eternal life! What is thy purport? Hear what was said to one of the early preachers:

"I send thee to open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith that is in me" (Acts 26:17, 18). What privation of the lost is here disclosed! What subjection! What guilt! What orphanage! What bankruptcy! What homelessness! They are blind. Night overshadows them. Satan has bound them hand and foot. His cloven foot presses their quivering hearts. They are without God and hope in the world. They are condemned and the sword of execution hangs over them suspended by one brittle thread. They are heirs to an inheritance of despair.

And what service does the minister render to them? He brings sight for blindness; light for darkness; forgiveness for guilt; hope for despair; a heavenly inheritance for spiritual bankruptcy; fatherhood for orphanage; and thrusts back the triumphant devil from off the prostrate victim and stands him up unshackled before God, "redeemed, regenerated and disenthralled."

Hear that same early preacher tell of this part of his work: "And hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God" (II Cor. 5:18-20). Oh, the enmity of man against God! Oh, the sweetness of reconciliation! And, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things."

Beautiful feet! Though bare, and bruised, and bleeding, and swollen, and dust-covered. Beautiful feet! When thy Saviour has girded Himself and washed them, shall they evermore walk on a less holy mission? My brother in

the ministry, is this trifling work?

And how like it, in importance, is the other part? "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28). "... Feed my lambs ... Feed my sheep" (John 21:15, 16). "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love" (Eph. 4:11-16).

Ministers of God, have you studied these Scriptures? Have you gauged these responsibilities? Have you measured these duties? My brethren, let our bare hearts be the targets of the fiery arrows of interrogation: Are any sheep of our flock hungry? Is any lamb astray? Are wolves howling around the fold committed to our care? Are any laborers idle under our oversight? Are the "babes in Christ" in our charge growing? Have you heard any of them crying for the "sincere milk of the word," while you crammed them with solid food they were unable to digest? Are our people unified in the faith? Are any of the young converts tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine? Are they at the mercy of every theological tramp, who, for revenue, seeks to sidetrack them from their straight road of service? Are they a prey to religious cranks, who poison them with patent nostrums and quack medicines? Is the body over which you preside fitly joined together? Does every joint supply compactness? Does every part work effectually? Does the body increase? Is it edified? O watchman, have you blown the trumpet at the coming of the sword?

My brethren in the ministry, was this Scripture written for our sakes: "Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks? Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed; but ye feed not the flock. The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them. And they were scattered because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered" (Ezek. 34:25).

And under our mismanagement has it become necessary for God to "judge between cattle and cattle"? Have we allowed some of the flock to "eat up the good pasture and tread the residue under their feet—to drink the water and foul the residue with their feet"?

Have we stood cowardly silent while some "have thrust with side and shoulder, and pushed all the diseased with their horns, till they are scattered abroad"? Oh, "when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, shall we receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away"? Brethren, I press this question: Are not reconciliation and edification work enough? And should we not magnify our office because of the work?

3. *This office is to be magnified because of the extraordinary means appointed for the accomplishing of the work of reconciliation and edification.*

I waste no words on the Koran nor the Book of Mormon. I mention no vagaries of human speculation, nor hallucinations of

earthly philosophy. I hold up no glow-worm light of science. I speak not of the Constitution of the United States nor of any statutes evolved from it. But I do speak of the inspired Word of God as the instrument appointed for reconciliation and edification. When we consider this inspired volume as the means of glorifying his office placed in the preacher's hands, we would not dare mention in comparison the office of the Supreme Court of the United States, which expounds only the principles of earthly jurisprudence. Let them quote Blackstone and Kent. Let them painfully and laboriously gather up the doubtful opinions of dead men—that is their business. But the man of God takes a Word inviolable and infallible—which has breathed on those who wrote it; this must he expound and illustrate. It is the Word which God at sundry times and in divers manner, spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets and in these last days by His Son. This Word is "quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart." This "Word of the Lord endureth forever." It is brighter and more potent than the light of all the heavenly bodies (Psalm 19). It is more credible than a visitor from the dead (Luke 16:28-31). It is surer than the evidence of the senses (II Pet. 1:13-19). Therefore, the preacher is "charged"; that is, put on his oath, "before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom, to preach the word" (II Tim. 4:1). Such extraordinary and potential means would not have been provided for an office that men could refuse to magnify.

4. *The office should be magnified because of Him who accompanies the official and gives efficacy to his words.* I speak of the Holy Spirit, whose presence and power constitute the only guarantee of ministerial success. Paul may plant and Apollos water, but God alone gives the increase. To

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what earthly office, however great, are such presence and power attached? The minister is a "laborer together with God." No reverent mind can think of this presence and power, and depreciate the office which they sanctify and energize.

5. *The office is to be magnified on account of the extraordinary qualifications required of the officer—qualifications mental, moral and spiritual.* I maintain that there is no other office among men that calls for the kind and degree of qualifications which God's Word requires for the ministerial office. He must have gifts, graces and character such as no human law requires for any earthly office. While the measure of his knowledge and scholarly education is not prescribed, he must be apt to teach. Without this aptness he never can be a preacher.

He must wrap himself in a mantle of personal purity whiter than the ermine of a judge. This mantle no minister can smirch with impurity. He must be unspotted before the world and must preserve a good report of them that are without. He may as well resign when the world seriously

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judgment on sinners. They call all preaching about Hell and judgment "negative preaching." They hate the God of judgment. But He is the God of the Bible. The God of love is the God of wrath. The God of mercy is the God of judgment. The Saviour who said, "In my Father's house are many mansions . . . I go to prepare a place for you," is the same Saviour who will say, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."

God's wrath has long been mixed with mercy. But one day it will be poured out into the cup of His indignation without any mixture, without any palliation, without any dilution.

"Tormented with fire and brimstone"? Yes, that is what the Bible says. Do not ask me how sin-

ners escape annihilation in the torment of eternal fire. I do not understand how the three Hebrew children walked in the fiery furnace and had no smell of smoke on their garments. I cannot ride in a passenger train where others smoke without having the smell in my clothes. I do not understand how these Hebrew children in the fire had not a hair singed but only their bonds were burned. It seems quite clear God can make fire do anything He wants it to do. God can make fire torment the damned in Hell without bodies being oxidized and turned to ashes and without the soul ceasing to be. I do not understand it, but where God said fire so many, many times in talking about Hell, I do not dare to say less.

This passage of Scripture is so terrible that I wonder men can eat and sleep when they read it. Do you realize that people are tormented day and night in Hell? Do you realize one man, about whom Jesus told, for two thousand years or more has been begging for just a drop of water to

cool his tongue and has found none?

I do not pretend to know all the torment in Hell. This I know, that sin brings torment and those in Hell will still be sinners. I know that sin brings disease and pain to bodies. I know that sin brings torment to the conscience. I know that sin brings the scourge of lost opportunities and deep will be the lament of soul for every man and woman in Hell who has a memory. But I would be less than honest as a preacher of the Gospel if I did not remind every reader that there is unceasing torment for soul and body in Hell.

There is a note in these verses sadder even yet. I do not pretend to understand all about it, but the Scripture plainly declares that those tormented in Hell will be "in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb." I do not think for a moment that Christ will gloat over their sufferings, nor will angels. I think it must mean that Hell is not left to itself. Those in Hell are not forgotten men. They suf-

fer on, but it is the deliberate decree of God who knows their continuing sin, who knows their ever-burning rebellion against God. After a man has been in Hell for a million years, the Lord Jesus and the holy angels will be there to see that there is not an ounce of pain more than is deserved, and that each sinner gets not one hair's breadth of punishment less than is right.

I think it may mean, too, that those in Hell will be forever reminded of the joy they might have had, of the mercy which was offered freely and of the glorious happiness across the eternal gulf separating them from Heaven. I do not understand all of this saying, but to me it is sad with an infinite sadness of eternal damnation.

And yet another word we see in this sad saying. "The smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night . . ." How real God makes Hell here! It is like some eternal concentration camp where restless, tormented prisoners mark upon the walls of their cells the passing days and nights and long for the release that never comes. The smoke of torment ascends up forever and ever, for the torment continues. The torment of the day comes on and men will cry, "Oh, that it were night!" And the night of tormenting conscience, the memory of lost opportunities, the pain of present sin, the shame of present punishment will make the night as hideous as the day.

One of the blessed things we have in Jesus is rest. "Ye shall find rest unto your souls," Jesus said. But there is no rest for the wicked in Hell, no rest day nor night.

This is the Word of God. We are not to argue with it. Does it seem unreasonable to you? Then your reason is not sanctified by a surrendered will and the light of the Holy Spirit upon it. Whether this God whose sayings we have quoted is the God you would like to have or not, He is the God you must meet. You may love Him or hate Him, but you must deal with this God who tells us that the wicked will be tormented in Hell forever!

Conclusion: Flee From Those Woes!

And now my message is done. It has been a heavy burden to preach it. Any man who has a heart must be stirred and moved and burdened by the awful doom of the wicked. But, dear sinner, if you let these words slip, if you are not moved to repentance by these warnings, how hard must be your heart, how blind must be your spiritual sight!

Oh, thank God that all these sad sayings are counterbalanced by precious promises! One who has not trusted Christ shall not see life and the wrath of God abides on him, but the same verse says, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life" (John 3:36). You may trust Christ today and have life instead of the wrath of God.

Jesus said, "Ye will not come to me, that ye might have life."

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So it was with those to whom Jesus spoke. So it is with many today. But you may come. Oh, I hope you will! Some would not come because their deeds were evil and they hated the light. But if you will turn your heart away from your sins and come to Jesus, your sins will be forgiven in a moment and Christ, the light of the world, will make your whole heart glad.

It is true that Jesus wept over Jerusalem and His pleadings were scorned. He said, "How often I would . . . and ye would not!" But you can say, "I will," and, "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely," is the blessed promise of Revelation 22:17.

It is true that those who depend on baptism, on church membership, on confirmation, on good deeds are deceived. They are religious, perhaps, but they are lost. But you may depend upon Christ Himself, depend upon the blood He shed for you and risk His promises. Other dependencies fail, but He is sure! Take Him today and be saved.

Two of the sad sayings mentioned above referred to Hell. But the Bible tells also about Heaven and God wants you there. You need not go to Hell. Today you may turn to Jesus and trust Him and be saved. Will you do it?

And now I appeal to your will. I appeal to your conscience. I appeal to your good sense. Will you today turn from your sins? Will you today give up your will to Christ? Will you here and now decide this question and accept Christ as your Saviour, depending on Him for forgiveness? If you will, then today the peace of God will come into your heart, your sins will all be forgiven and I will meet you in Heaven.

I will put below this a decision form so that you who today wish to be saved will know how simple and easy it is and may make a record of it. Please first say yes in your heart to Christ, admit you are a sinner and ask Him to forgive you and trust Him to do it this very moment. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." So believe Him, trust Him, depend upon Him today.

Then when you have said yes in your heart to Christ, please sign the decision form below, copy it in a letter or on a card and mail it to me at once. I shall be so glad to see your confession of Christ as your Saviour and I will rejoice with you and send you a letter of counsel and encouragement. In Christ's dear name, and in the face of the saddest sayings for sinners in the Bible, will you do it today?

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- 11 Marsh
- 13 "And the Jews also . . ."
- 15 Dark, sticky liquid
- 16 Agricultural Engineer (abbr.)
- 17 Flat-topped hill
- 18 "But the chief . . . Lysias came upon us"
- 22 A city of Benjamin (I Chron. 8)
- 23 Clan (Greek Hist.), o—
- 24 "Hoped also that money should have been . . . him of Paul"
- 26 Price
- 28 "Who ought to have been . . . before thee"
- 29 "Took him away . . . of our hands"
- 30 Stirring
- 32 "I . . . the more cheerfully answer for myself."
- 34 "Go thy way for this . . ."
- 35 Spelling (abbr.)
- 37 Insect
- 39 Fabulous bird of Arabia
- 42 "Felix . . . , and answered."
- 45 Money of account, —r—
- 46 "Willing to shew the Jews a pleasure, left Paul . . ."
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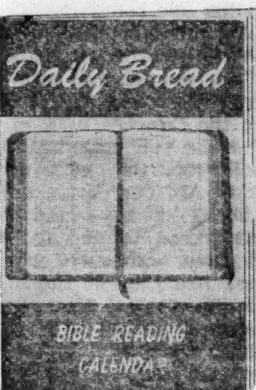
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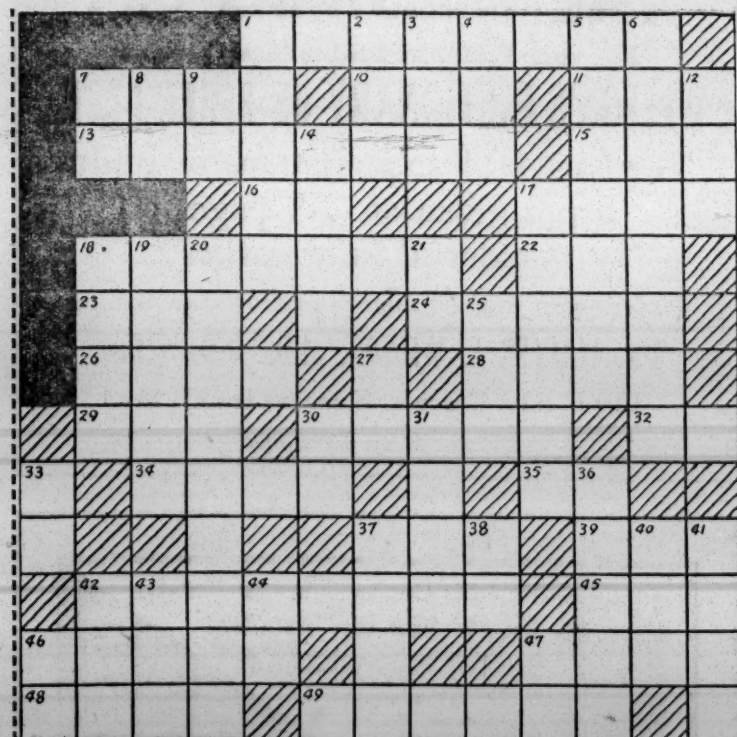
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"I Magnify Mine Office"

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questions his sincerity or his morals. In an age of mammon, while the world bows before its golden calf, he must not be covetous. "Not for filthy lucre" must he take charge of any flock. While other men hate and fight, he must be no "striker or brawler." His spiritual qualifications are yet higher. He must be full of the Holy Spirit. He is the instrument of the Spirit. He must ever yield to the monition of the Spirit.

Therefore, because of his extraordinary appointment, because of his extraordinary work, because of the extraordinary means furnished him, because of the extraordinary presence, and because of the extraordinary qualifications required, it is demonstrable that this office should be magnified above every other office. We now come to the main question.

III. How Shall the Office Be Magnified?

Brethren, I feel pressed in spirit tonight when I look out over this audience, among whom are so many ministers, so many older than myself, so many of longer service in the ministry. And I speak with great diffidence, but I do desire to express very earnestly and without the slightest reservation my own deep and abiding convictions concerning the truth of God as I understand it, in answering the question how all ministers may magnify their office.

1. By a profound realization of its importance. Pardon a personal reference, for men only theorize when they go beyond their personal experience. In delivering addresses on other subjects, I have been singularly free from embarrassment, but I never stand up to preach without trembling. It is not stagefright, for perhaps I esteem too slightly the judgment of men and women, whether expressed in praise or censure. But there is something about preaching which affects me even more than the approach of death. I

never refuse to preach on any proper occasion when invited—I love to preach, I was not driven into the ministry. I never fled from God's message, like Jonah. I never hide behind modest apologies, but I never in my life stood up to preach except once—which exception I profoundly regret—without first isolating myself from all human company, even the dearest, and prostrating myself in spirit before the dread and awful God, imploring Him, in deepest humility, to bless me that one time.

Perhaps I am wrong. I would not judge harshly, but I cannot rid myself of the conviction that a man who can lightly, who can arrogantly, who can with seeming effrontery of manner, get up

in the pulpit, get up unstag-
gered with the weight of responsibility resting on him, get up as an ambassador for God, as if God was his ambassador, is disqualified for this holy office. Just think of it seriously. Eter-

nal interests hinge on every sermon. Every sentence may be freighted with eternal weal or woe. Every word may be the savor of life unto life or of death unto death. Would any one of deep moral sense deliver idly or lightly even a political oration if every word uttered might be a winged bullet of death, or a message of reprieve from a death sentence? What must be his moral character, what the turpitude of his nature, if he was more concerned to display his wit or logic or eloquence than to measure the effect of his speech on human suffering or joy!

But can such trifling, however selfish, compare with his, who, standing up for God in matters which cost the life of Christ and engaged the attention of the three worlds—men, angels and devils—who stands up as Heaven's agent to dispense terms of life and conditions of pardon, or to denounce

—you, from among thousands naturally as good—and perhaps better by grace—you were selected by the Divine Master for this distinguished honor; as much higher above the crowns of earth as the stars in Heaven are above their reflection in a well.

How can I ever forget the impression made on my heart, or get beyond its influence on my life, when I heard Doctor Broadus at Jefferson, Texas, in the Southern Baptist Convention, preach from the text: "I thank Christ Jesus, my Lord, for that he hath enabled me, putting me into the ministry?"

Let thy call to preach unseal a ceaselessly flowing fountain of gratitude. Rejoice in the honor conferred on you. You who desire to magnify your office, let me pass the question around and press its point on every heart: Are you glad you are a preacher? Are you? Are you grateful? Do you thank Him? Do you appreciate it as a priceless treasure?

3. You can magnify your office by studying; that is, being diligent, "To show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

This diligence applies to every department of ministerial work, and therefore includes a profound acquaintance with all the revealed will of God in its proper order and relation. This knowledge, and the use made of it, must be "unto the approval of God," and not of man. But how can a man magnify his office who is too lazy to study that Word which it is his business to preach—who lives year after year in ignorance of the very rudiments of Bible-teaching—who has not studied that sacred library book by book, and chapter by chapter? I refer not so much to mere mental study as to heart study. I mean such study as places the heart against every Bible doctrine, and prays: "Lord God, filtrate into my heart the very essence of this doctrine—let me receive into my soul experimentally just what is the mind of the Spirit; let me so assimilate it as food that it will be a part of my being; let me not only know it but be nourished by it."

I knew a young preacher who bade fair in his youth to eclipse all competitors. Endowed with a wonderful fluency of speech, captivating address, a vast amount of magnetism as a boy preacher he so captured his admiring crowd that he began to imagine he "had the world in a sling." Much concerned about the permanency of his usefulness, I paid him a special visit and said: "My boy, you have no books. I never see you studying the Bible. You are ignorant of the great body of its teachings. You seem not to understand it as a system of truth, fitly correlated in all its parts. You preach without investigation, on such striking passages here and there as in the English version impress you by their sound. What are you going to do after a while? You will soon use up this emotional power on which you rely. You go around as an evangelist, preaching over and over the same old sermons, using the same old illustrations, because your audiences are different. But have you considered this: That these sermons and illustrations by frequent use will become tame to you? Their lack of freshness will kill your own interest in them. They will lose the good taste, even in your own mouth. Then they will have no power over the people. You are fast approaching shipwreck as a useful preacher. Your doom is to join the crowd of soreheads and growlers who complain that they are not appreciated, unless you study, study, study! If you like, I will make out for you a list of books, with some suggestions as to their use, and if you are not able to buy them I will see that you get them."

Perhaps you are curious to know the result. Well, he did not appreciate my proffered counsel or help. He seemed to think that I was jealous of his power and wanted to handicap him. If he ever studied, I never heard of it. He did join the growlers. He never stays longer than two years with any church, because in that time he tells all he knows and some things he doesn't know. The rose color and glamour of a new field of labor, where he can use the old material, entices him away.

He criticizes the management of Boards and denominational enterprises, and talks much of "rings and bosses and favorites," and complains that the old-fashioned gospel is superseded by new-fangled notions.

My brother, if you would magnify your office, make the Word of God your life-study. Let down your buckets into the wells of salvation; lengthen your cords and let them down deep, and draw up the water fresh and sparkling every day, and give it out freely to your thirsty congregations. Burn all your written sermons that you carry around in your valise. Don't you know that when you keep on gnawing the same sermons they become like what a wolf leaves of a once juicy antelope—dry bones?

An unchanged sermon never suits two congregations. Conditions vary. Be fresh. Be flexible. Learn proper adjustments. Study the needs of the people before you, and preach from a full heart that within that very hour has sought the Spirit's guidance as to the theme and the Spirit's power as to utterance.

4. You can magnify your office by giving yourself wholly to it.

No man should give himself wholly to a work that is too scant in character and too small in volume to call out and employ all his reserve force, and to develop to their full capacity every faculty of his being. But in the ministry God has committed to a man an office as high as Heaven, as deep as Hell, as broad as space. There is a broad margin for all his powers. There is room enough for all possible development in all directions.

Let me again refer to myself. When I was converted I was making two thousand five hundred dollars a year—more than I have ever received since. I was ambitious of distinction and promotion. I had luxurious tastes and a wonderful appreciation of conveniences. Now, to abandon all this pride, ambition and prospect of luxury, to come down to a few hundreds a year, grudgingly given, was very grinding to my sensitiveness. But the crisis was one for solution. I determined never to be burdened with its solution but once. Without a dollar in my pocket or in sight; with a wife, baby and feather bed as the sum total of earthly possessions, I settled that question once for all.

I made a solemn covenant with God, that while I lived I would never have any other business or profession or calling than to preach the Gospel—to give myself wholly to that, "sink or swim, live or die, survive or perish," to turn back to any other, NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, FOREVER. I learned to see that it was a small matter if I did die. I remembered the Master's words: "He that loseth his life for my sake, and the Gospel's, shall find it, and he that findeth his life shall lose it."

Indeed, it might be the best for me to die. It might be the best that I should starve to death. I didn't know. Who can tell? But I was certain that whether I starved or fattened, it was my duty to preach the Gospel.

My brother, take home to thyself the charge of Paul to Timothy: "Give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate on these things; give thyself wholly to them."

How is it you can undertake so many lifeworks? I call upon you to interpret this Scripture: "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of life." Is it addressed to a preacher? You cannot deny it. Is it not directly in connection with the charge to Timothy to "commit to faithful men, who shall be able to instruct others also" the things which he had heard and learned? You cannot deny it. Does it not fairly apply to preachers of today? You cannot deny it: Then will you answer candidly to your own heart and to God: Are you so entangled? Does the entanglement help you as a preacher? Are you content to remain so?

Not long ago I said to a beautiful and brilliant wife that her husband had descended when he left the pulpit to be just a gover-

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THE MESSAGE OF THE NEW YEAR

I asked the New Year for some motto sweet,
Some rule of life with which to guide my feet;
I asked, and paused; he answered soft and low:
"God's will to know."

"Will knowledge then suffice, New Year?" I cried;
And, ere the question into silence died,
The answer came: "Nay, but remember, too,
God's will to do."

Once more I asked, "Is there no more to tell?"
And once again the answer sweetly fell:
"Yes! this one thing, all other things above,
God's will to love."

—Anonymous

in the pulpit, get up unstag-
gered with the weight of responsibility resting on him, get up as an ambassador for God, as if God was his ambassador, is disqualified for this holy office. Just think of it seriously. Eter-

nal judgments, and there poses as a wit or attitudinizes as a rhetorician, or plays the actor, as if the whole service were a theatrical display and Heaven and Hell were but scenic paintings to accentuate his dramatic talent!

Therefore, the impression never leaves me that no irreverent man should ever dare preach. I do not care how much he knows, nor how well he can declaim, nor how many his admirers. I shudder—cold chills of apprehension creep over me when I hear him.

Is it the office of a mountebank? Is it the vocation of a circus clown? Is it the lifework of a privileged jester? Oh, the agony of Paul's question: "Who is sufficient for these things?" Oh, the richness of his experience: "I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." If one of you were commissioned to give directions of safety to a crowd of men, women and children standing on a quivering sandbank—encircled by an ever-rising flood, which moment by moment encroached on the narrow space where they stood, and your word meant life or death to every strong man, to every loving woman, to every clinging child, would you, could you—how could you, standing on a safe shore, speak those words in the carefully practiced declamation of a rhetorician?

Did you ever in your life hear of a preacher noted for habitually reaching souls, for leading thousands to Christ, who stood before a mirror and studied the postures and gesticulations with which to ornament his sermons? I submit to you, if your own interest has not slackened, if your spiritual nature has not been shocked, every time you detected art in the preacher's declamation?

I would not depreciate proper culture of voice or manner, but I do believe that if you realize the importance of your work, and forget yourself in it—if the great deep of your own soul is moved upon by the Spirit of God—your manner and gesticulation will take care of themselves.

2. Profound and abiding gratitude to God for putting you in the ministry will help you to magnify your office. Your heart must gratefully appreciate that you, a worm as other men—that you, not on account of your own merit

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"I Magnify Mine Office"

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nor. Magnify this office above every other office. If it is an anticlimax to stoop from Mont Blanc to a molehill, how much more for a preacher to vacate an office higher than that of field-marshal, president or king, to seek a subordinate position in politics or commerce.

The lustre of all the diamonds in the diadems of kingly crowns pales before God's promised reward to the minister: "They that be wise shall shine as the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever."

5. You can magnify this office by regarding God's interests, solemnly committed to you, as transcendentally above place and congregation and world. This is a hard saying. I know it by experience. How seductive the temptation to a preacher to yield to selfish considerations as to where he shall preach and what he shall preach! The preacher is included in the "mankind" so graphically pictured by Robert Burns:

Ouch! Mankind is unco' weak,
And little to be trusted,
If telf the wavering balance touch,
'Tis rarely right adjusted.

And how most shameful of all the weakness when he gets in front of the cross and hides it from the people to show off himself!

Some years ago I invited a minister to preach for me the following Sunday. He came with a valise full of written sermons on various sensational topics. He read over to me about a dozen of them—who can doubt my patience in view of it?—and asked me, the pastor of the flock, which one would make the most favorable impression for him on my congregation.

I turned on him in scorn and said: "That matter is one of supreme indifference to my people. I wanted you to so preach from an humble, full and loving heart of our Divine Redeemer as to make a favorable impression for Him, but as no man can preach Jesus when self fills his vision, I withdrew my invitation for you to occupy my pulpit."

He did not preach for me then, nor has he since. And I am glad he is out of Texas and out of the Baptist denomination.

At another time I heard one of our greatest Texas ministers preach a sermon of marked simplicity, of the sweetest humility, and of tremendous power. And as it was on a topic peculiarly suited to the needs of my own congregation, I urged him to come and preach it for us. We needed it just then. I knew it would do us good. Well, he came, but when he looked out over the upturned faces, when he saw among many prominent men a host of university students, he concluded that the sermon I asked him to preach was much too homely for the occasion, and without consulting me, delivered instead one of his early sophomore sermons. Oh, it was full of stardust and diamond-lustre and rhetorical sheen, excusable, perhaps, in an inexperienced boy, but simple ridiculous from him on that grand occasion. It was the most mortifying failure of his life.

The people were sorely disgusted and disappointed. They insisted that I didn't know who could preach, and suggested to me to leave such matters to the deacons. The hungry who came for bread had to content themselves with a bouquet of artificial flowers. The sad-hearted who came for consolation were treated to a display of literary fireworks, and the lost who were seeking a Saviour's face found only a word-painter. But more than all others was he hurt by it. It seemed to crush him to the earth and grind him to powder. Being a good man, his penitence was swift and profound. He spent the afternoon in tears and prayer. At night he preached a sermon that it seemed would melt a stone, but alas, the audience of the morning was not there to hear him! Nor was he ever afterward able to get out much of a congregation in that place.

The temptation sometimes comes in another form, wafted on

the seductive breath of flattery. People "with itching ears," who cannot endure sound doctrine and holy living, will come with honeyed words about his "broadness" and "liberality." "He is no moss-back," no "straight-jacket." "He belongs to higher culture and criticism."

Ah, me—if the preacher drinks once of this intoxicating champagne, you may count the days till he hearts the Gospel as a squirrel hearts an acorn, leaving only a shattered shell, without even a germ of life!

It sometimes comes in the growls of his congregation. "He presses some things too much." "He is crazy on the subject of missions." "He urges too many collections." "He has too much zeal." Woe to him and to his people if he heeds the growling!

It sometimes comes in the clamor for short, soothing and soporific sermons, about fifteen minutes long.

Let me tell you of a case: In a city once, I went to hear a sermon. Preachers get hungry to hear others preach. I was oppressed in spirit and gravely solicitous about a great matter. I wanted my faith strengthened. Quietly taking my seat, I listened. The rendition of the music, confined exclusively to the choir, was very artistic, I suppose. I held myself in reserve for the sermon. That, I took it for granted, would have body to it. The preacher rose, at last, with his sermon in his hand. I looked at it. It was a neat essay, on note-paper, gilt-edged, and perfumed, I verily believe. I know it was tied with a delicately shaded ribbon, and he gracefully read the dainty document through in just fifteen minutes; and that seemed to me too much for it. My sensations were never paralleled except once when, on a moonlight night, I stepped confidently upon what I supposed was a plank, and found it a sluice of muddy water fully knee-deep.

Oh, if God's interests be not esteemed by the preacher above his own selfishness or cowardice, above the flattery or growling of the church, above the praise or censure of the world, how can the man magnify his office?

How vividly do I recall the crisis of my own pastoral life on this very point, when called to the responsible charge of Waco Church, twenty-two years ago! I greatly distrusted my fitness for the important position. I was young and inexperienced. The church had great and wise men in it. But fortunately I remembered that God was greater and wiser than all; that my responsibility to Him was supreme. I made up my mind fully, once for all.

I told the brethren that perhaps they had made a mistake. Time would show; that I had nothing to say about my own salary then or afterward. They must care for that. That my duty was to preach and teach the necessity of coming up to a high mark on every local and every denominational work. That I would do this at all hazards. That the cord which bound us as pastor and people should be a rope of sand when they wanted it broken, but a cable as long as they desired it to hold. That the hazard of losing my pastorate should not be regarded as even fine dust in the balance. There is no other safe or righteous course for any pastor.

6. Finally, you may magnify your office by continually renewing your consecration.

When you enter this office, and so long as you are in it, over how much of you do you consent that God should write His name and put the obligation of exclusive service? Do you say: "Lord Jesus, Thou hast put me into Thy ministry. I am but a little child. I know not how to go out or to come in. I am unworthy of so great honor. I shall surely fail if Thou art not with me. What I am to do, how I am to do it, and where I go, do Thou choose for me; only be Thou with me. It seems, Good Master, that every part of me has been washed whiter than snow in Thy cleansing blood, every part of me subject of divine grace, every part of me redeemed by Thy power and

love and dying groans. But Lord Jesus, if Thou canst find any part of me that the blood has not touched, then write not Thy name on that lost part. But over every part the blood has touched, there write Thy name, whether brain, or eye, or ear, or hand, or heart, or mouth, or foot, over ALL, ALL OVER ALL, write Thy name of authority and ownership forever. Let me be Thy faithful servant in time, and thy welcome servant in eternity."

To illustrate this consecration: At the examination of a candidate for ordination I once heard a deacon ask this question: "In going into this work, have you burned the bridges behind you or only taken up the planks with a view to re-laying them in case you should want to cross back to secular affairs?" I thought it a wonderfully pertinent question that went to the heart of the matter. It is better for the preacher never to even look backward toward the place where the bridge once stood. And never let him seek to please himself as to where he shall preach. Let the Lord of the harvest determine the where as well as the what and how.

Turn not a longing eye to big churches and fat salaries.

Let the Master say where, whether under burning skies in Africa's malarial jungles, or where "wolves are howling on lone Onalaska's shore." This consecration involves that you fully trust Him for material support and spiritual power.

Be not faithless. The Master points you to the lilies and the sparrows. You are more valuable than they. He tells you that "verily you shall be clothed and you shall be fed." Not a hair of your head shall perish. He will care for your wife and children if you trustingly serve Him.

I do not say trust the brethren. That is a broken reed. But to deny that Jesus will keep His promise to you is to deny the veracity of God. Trust Him for your power.

Even today I had a talk with a young brother staggering un-

der the responsibility of presenting a great work tomorrow. His eyes were full of tears, as he said: "I have no strength at all for this great service." I laid my hand on him and said: "Let Jesus be your power. Lash yourself with God's promises to the throne of His omnipotence, and your weakness will become strength." I have promised to spend much of the night with him praying that the power of God and not of man may rest upon him.

Brethren, there is no censoriousness in anything that I have said. Apply as much of it to me as you will, and then I am ready to confess other faults and weaknesses that you know not of. But is it not appalling, that revelation of the statistical secretary: There are nine hundred and eighty-nine preachers in Texas who are not pastors, nor missionaries, nor evangelists, nor teachers, nor denominational agents, nor editors?

Indeed, "we have this treasure in earthen vessels." Oh, how earthen! When I first read of the quarrel between Paul and Barnabas, I said: "Earthen vessels." And when preachers now quarrel, the bleeding church cries out: "Earthen! Earthen!" I could get down on my knees before God in your presence to make one yearning plea—that you make this Convention one of peace, power and brotherly love. Put relentless hands down into your hearts, and tear out by the roots everything that will not

advance the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom here in this meeting. Tear it out. It depends on you. Let every watchman blow his trumpet at the coming of the sword. Let every sentinel cry out on his post: "To arms! They come! The foe—the foe!" Let every leader leap to the front of his battalion and stay to the front in every good work and work lest there be a retreat while the mournful bugles sound a recall and the dirge of defeat be the music to which we march.

I magnify my office, oh, my God, as I get nearer home. I can say more truthfully every year, "I thank God that He put me in this office"; I thank Him that He would not let me have any other; that He shut me up to this glorious work and when I get home among the blessed on the bank of everlasting deliverance and look back toward time and all of its clouds, and sorrows, and pains, and privations, I expect to stand up and shout for joy that down there in the fog and mists, down there in the dust and in the struggle, God let me be a preacher. I magnify my office in life; I magnify it in death; I magnify it in Heaven; I magnify it, whether poor or rich, whether sick or well, whether strong or weak, anywhere, everywhere among all people, in any crowd. Lord God, I am glad that I am a preacher, that I am a preacher of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.

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